

SECTION 5. The following laws are repealed:

- (1) Article 56.54(c), Code of Criminal Procedure; and
- (2) Section 76.013(d), Government Code.

SECTION 6. As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this Act, but not later than January 1, 2018, the office of the attorney general and the comptroller of public accounts shall establish a plan for the identification and transfer of records, property, and unspent appropriations of the attorney general that are used for the purpose of managing the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund.

SECTION 7. As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this Act, but not later than March 1, 2018, a department that prior to the effective date of this Act had previously transferred payments to the comptroller under Section 76.013 or 508.322, Government Code, shall provide to the comptroller the information required under Section 77.051(b), Property Code, as added by this Act, for each victim for whom the department previously transferred a payment to the comptroller.

SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2017: Yeas 137, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

INCONTESTABILITY OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS OR LEASES SUBMITTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BY CERTAIN WATER DISTRICTS

CHAPTER 352

H.B. No. 1946

AN ACT

relating to the incontestability of certain contracts or leases submitted to the attorney general by certain water districts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 49.184(e), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) A contract or lease *in which the proceeds of the contract or lease are pledged to the payment of a bond* may be submitted to the attorney general along with the bond records, and, if submitted, the approval by the attorney general of the bonds shall constitute an approval of the contract or lease and the contract or lease shall be incontestable. *A contract or lease, other than a contract or lease in which the proceeds of the contract or lease are pledged to the payment of a bond, may be submitted to the attorney general along with the bond records, and, if reviewed and approved by the attorney general, the approval of the bonds shall constitute an approval of the contract or lease and the contract or lease shall be incontestable.*

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a contract or lease submitted by a water district under Section 49.184, Water Code, as amended by this Act, to the attorney general after the effective date of this Act. A contract or lease submitted to the attorney general before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the contract or lease is submitted, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective September 1, 2017.

**ELIGIBILITY OF A FIRST RESPONDER FOR WORKERS'
COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS
DISORDER**

CHAPTER 353

H.B. No. 1983

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of a first responder for workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 504, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 504.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.019. COVERAGE FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER FOR CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS. (a) *In this section:*

(1) *"First responder" means an individual employed by a political subdivision of this state who is:*

(A) *a peace officer under Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure;*

(B) *a person licensed under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code, as an emergency care attendant, emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate, emergency medical technician-paramedic, or licensed paramedic; or*

(C) *a firefighter subject to certification by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection under Chapter 419, Government Code, whose principal duties are firefighting and aircraft crash and rescue.*

(2) *"Post-traumatic stress disorder" means a disorder that meets the diagnostic criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder specified by the American Psychiatric Association in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fifth edition, or a later edition adopted by the commissioner of workers' compensation.*

(b) *Post-traumatic stress disorder suffered by a first responder is a compensable injury under this subtitle only if it is based on a diagnosis that:*

(1) *the disorder is caused by an event occurring in the course and scope of the first responder's employment; and*

(2) *the preponderance of the evidence indicates that the event was a substantial contributing factor of the disorder.*

SECTION 2. Section 408.006(b), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) *Notwithstanding Section 504.019, a [A] mental or emotional injury that arises principally from a legitimate personnel action, including a transfer, promotion, demotion, or termination, is not a compensable injury under this subtitle.*

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a claim for workers' compensation benefits based on a compensable injury that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim based on a compensable injury that occurs before that date is governed by the law as it existed on the date the compensable injury occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 28, 2017: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 1, 2017.